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COMMISSIONERS MEET IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY RFP FOR WASTE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners met in closed session today in accordance with the Maryland Annotated Code State Government Article §10-508(a) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

The board directed staff and the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (“Authority”) to come back in open session on Thursday, October 9, and provide recommendations regarding the award of a waste transportation and disposal services contract and to consider the disposition of the waste-to-energy (WTE) project.

In April, the board asked the Authority to issue a [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) to obtain pricing for both short-term and long-term waste transportation and disposal services. The RFP would ensure that Frederick County and all of its municipalities continue to have adequate solid waste disposal resources available and under contract. The RFP would also determine interest and obtain firm pricing from waste management companies that may wish to use excess capacity in the recently permitted renewable waste-to-energy facility that will be located in the McKinney Industrial Center.

Maryland law requires the county to have adequate waste disposal capacity for its residents. However, since the county’s Reich’s Ford Road landfill has limited remaining capacity, the county has been transferring waste generated in the county to landfills in other states. The county’s only remaining transportation and disposal contract will expire in approximately one year.

The results of the RFP will also provide the county with up-to-date long-term waste transfer and disposal cost information, which can be used for comparison in any additional evaluation of the WTE project.

For more information about the RFP or WTE project, visit www.nmwda.org/frederick. For additional information, contact Authority Executive Director Chris Skaggs at 410-333-2730 or via e-mail at authority@nmwda.org.

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